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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the restriction requirement dated April 15, 2003.

Restriction Requirement

The application stands subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has designated Group I, to include claims 1-4, 15-20, 27-32 and 36, drawn to a method for assigning private Internet Protocol address to network device in a cluster, classified in class 370, subclass 466. Group II, to include claims 5-14, 21-26, 33-35 and 37, drawn to a method for automatically

correcting Internet Protocol Address conflicts among network devices, classified in class 709, subclass 245.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-4, 15-20, 27-32 and 36. Group II, claims 5-14, 21-26, 33-35 and 37 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims of Group II in a divisional application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1698.

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